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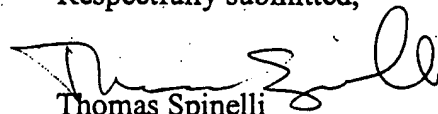

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4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 4-355712, published December 9, 1992 together with an English language abstract.

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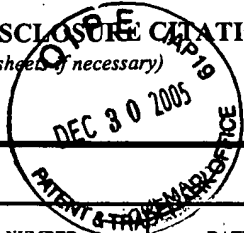


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